

Application No.: 10/052,634  
Amendment dated: October 9, 2003  
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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-10 have been amended, and claim 2 canceled, to improve the clarity of the claimed subject matter and to bring the claims into conformity with U.S. Practice and format, and to place the application fully in condition for allowance. Claims 4, 6 and 11-14 have been withdrawn by the Examiner from consideration due to an earlier election requirement.

Applicant has not yet received an indication from the Examiner as to the acceptability of the originally filed drawings and requests such indication in the next Official Action, in the absence of which it is assumed that the original drawings are acceptable.

### **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

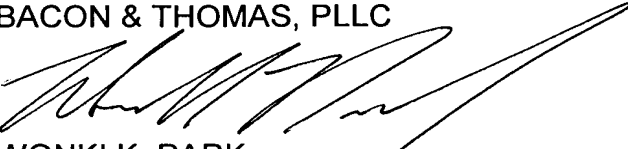
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed correction of the claims. The claims have been amended in accord with the Examiner's suggestions.

It is respectfully believed that the claims, as amended, are in full compliance with all requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. It is noted that the Examiner has not cited any art of record to reject any of the pending claims. It is respectfully believed that claims 1, 3, 5 and 7-10 are now in condition for allowance.

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In summary, it is respectfully submitted that none of the prior art individually or collectively shows the invention as claimed. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims appears to be warranted and the same is respectfully requested. In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application which can be resolved by a telephone call or facsimile communication to Applicant's Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile at the numbers provided below.

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